AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to increase the production and improve the quality of cotton during the Seventh Five Year Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) has been implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh on 50 : 50 cost sharing basis between Central Government and the State Governments. Under this Scheme, assistance has been provided on (i) production and distribution of breeder and foundation seed; (ii) production and distribution of certified seed; (iii) aerial spraying; (iv) plant protection equipments; (v) laying out of demonstration plots; and (vi) establishment of Kapas Grading Centres. The total cost of the Scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan is Rs. 1629.17 lakhs, out of which Government of India's share is Rs. 834.47 lakhs. In addition, the State Governments are also taking steps to increase cotton production under their state sector schemes.

(c) (i) The estimates of production of cotton for the year 1986-87 are under finalisation. The production for the years 1981-82 to 1985-86 is as under:—

Crop Year	Production (lakh bales of 170 Kg. each)
1981-82	78.8
1982-83	75.3
1983-84	63.9
1984-85	85-1
1985-86	86.1

(ii) Government of India have not been operating a buffer stock of cotton.

Fall in cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

@2073. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh has been decreasing continuously snice the last three years;

(b) if so, whether it is due to the reasons that farmers are not paid remunerative prices for their produce; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Revision of lists of SC/ST

@@2074. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Amendment of the Lists can be carried out only by legislation by Parliament. No further details can be disclosed at this stage in public interest.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1019, transferred from the 17th November, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1026, transferred from the 17th November, 1987.